

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 2, lines 9-20 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Known e-business services collaborate without any overarching vision or architecture. Techniques for B2B collaboration vary from one case to another. As the number and type of e-business services grows, the ability of an e-business consumer to locate and contact a provider of an e-business service will become increasingly difficult. Today, there is no vendor neutral architectural architectural mechanism for classifying e-business services such that an e-business service consumer can locate and contact a provider of a desired e-business service. Thus, it would be beneficial to have an apparatus and method for classifying services in such a manner as to make them searchable and usable at run-time. --

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 9, lines 12-24 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

-- An operating system runs on processor **302** and is used to coordinate and provide control of various components within data processing system **300** in **Figure 3**. The operating system may be a commercially available operating system, such as Linux, which is available from International Business Machines Corporation. An object oriented programming system, such as Java **JAVA** (a trademark of Sun Corporation), may run in conjunction with the operating system, providing calls to the operating system from Java **JAVA** programs or applications executing on data processing system **300**. Instructions for the operating system, the object-oriented operating system, and applications or programs are located on a storage device, such as hard disk drive **326**, and may be loaded into main memory **304** for execution by processor **302**. --

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 13, lines 20-28 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

-- **Figure 5** illustrates an exemplary canonical service description. The canonical service description shown in **Figure 5** is provided in the extensible markup language (XML) and represents an example ~~eannoneial~~ canonical service description for a stock quote service. The mechanism used for describing the ~~eannoneial~~ canonical service description is the web services description language (WSDL), with CSD related extensions. The use of WSDL is standard, defining the “reusable” portion of a web service over the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP). --

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 14, lines 8-15 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

-- The csd:testService element defines the specific service information of a service that provides validatable results. If a developer wishes to test an implementation of the stock quote web service, as will be discussed in greater detail hereafter, the developer may invoke the web service implementing the stockQuoteBinding and compare the results of this service by invoking the ~~eannoneial~~ canonical test service for the CSD identified by the service definition described in the csd:testService element. --